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JUNE 25

FROM USDEL TO OAS

1. NICARAGUA, BRAZIL AND BOLIVIAN SPOKE IN MORNING SESSION. NICARAGUA SAID IT HAD NO SPECIFIC SUGGESTIONS BUT THAT CRITERIA SHOULD BE FLEXIBLE. COORDINATION SHOULD BE ENTRUSTED TO STRENGTHENED PERMANENT COUNCIL AND ALL COUNCILS SHOULD BE SUBORDINATE TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY. " PLURALITY OF IDEOLOGIES" SHOULD NOT BE ABUSED FOR INTERVENING IN INTERNAL AFFAIRS. BRIEF BOLIVIAN STATEMENT NOTED THAT ONE MAIN DEFECT IS LACK OF POLITICAL WILL ; AND THAT THE PRINCIPLE OF NON- INTERVENTION SHOULD BE STRENGTHENED.

2. BRAZIL STATED WE WERE HERE TO CONSIDER NOT A LATIN
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SYSTEM BUT AN INTER- AMERICAN SYSTEM WHICH INCLUDES AN ACTIVE U. S., AND, HOPEFULLY, CANADA. BRAZIL CHARACTERIZED MODERN HISTORY OF U. S.- LATIN AMERICAN RELATIONS AS FOLLOWS. LATIN AMERICA HAS STRIVEN TO GET MORE FROM THE U. S.; THE U. S. INTEREST IN AND GENEROSITY TOWARDS LATIN AMERICA HAS FLUCTUATED IN ACCORDANCE WITH WORLD POLITICAL DEVELOPMENTS. LATINS HAVE CALLED U. S. PATERNALISTIC WHEN IT DISPLAYED HIGH INTEREST AND NEGLIGENT OR INDIFFERENT WHEN ITS INTEREST DECLINED. CONCEPT OF A " SPECIAL RELATIONSHIP" BETWEEN LATIN AMERICA AND THE U. S. IS NO LONGER VALID, BUT WE DO HAVE LONG- LIVED HISTORICAL RELATIONSHIP. FOR THE MOST PART, FRUSTRATIONS WITHIN THE HEMISPHERE HAVE BEEN DUE TO AMBITIONS EXCEEDING OUR MEANS.

3. INTER- AMERICAN SYSTEM IS STRUGGLING FOR ITS LIFE. THUS, TASK IS NOT MATTER OF SIMPLE REFORM BUT OF RE- FORMULATING PREMISES OF SYSTEM. HOWEVER, QUESTION IS NOT WHETHER BUT HOW SYSTEM SHOULD BE MAINTAINED. IT SHOULD BE MAINTAINED NOT AS A LATIN BUT AS AN INTER- AMERICAN SYSTEM. THERE MUST BE A CONSENSUS AS TO THE NEEDS, CIRCUMSTANCES AND RESOURCES OF THE HISTORICAL MOMENT, WE CANNOT RETURN TO AN ANTI- HISTORICAL SYSTEM.

4. CHARTER IS TOO STRICT AND DETAILED AND LACKS FLEXIBILIT Y. ESSENTIALLY, NEW SYSTEM SHOULD BE BASED ON CHARTER REFORMU- LATED MOSTLY ON THE BASIC PRINCIPLES OF CURRENT CHARTER. FOR EXAMPLE, FIRST PART, PRINCIPLES, IS SATISFACTORY. SECOND PART (ORGANIZATIONAL AND STRUCTURAL) SHOULD BE SIMPLIFIED AND MADE FLEXIBLE SO THAT CHANGES CAN BE MADE WITHOUT HAVING TO AGAIN CHANGE CHARTER. THIS SECOND PART OF THE CHARTER SHOULD GIVE AMPLE POWER TO THE PERMANENT COUNCIL AND THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY SO THEY CAN MAKE THE ADJUSTMENTS AND GIVE POLITICAL GUIDANCE. THE SYSTEM SHOULD BE FORUM FOR CONSULTATION AND COOPERA- TION. AS EVENTS HAVE PROVEN TIME AND AGAIN, CONFRONTA- TION IS USELESS.

5. THE SECRETARIAT IS THE SERVANT OF THE GOVERNMENTS AND OF THEIR INSTRUMENTS, GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND PERMANENT COUNCIL. SECRETARIAT SHOULD ACT AS A CONSULTING FIRM
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AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE ENTERPRISE. WITH REGARD TO " SATELLITES", LIKE THE INTER- AMERICAN BANK, THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE AND, ULTIMATELY, THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, HAVE THE POWER TO RECOMMEND CHANGES. ANY CHANGES, HOWEVER, WOULD PROBABLY HAVE TO BE MADE BY THE COMPETENT BODIES THEMSELVES.

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6. LASTLY, BRAZIL CALLED FOR PARTIAL PARTICIPATION OF NON- AMERICAN STATES (MEANING DEVELOPED COUNTRIES) IN THE NEW SYSTEM PERHAPS THROUGH EXPLORATION OF ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP. THEY WOULD CONTRIBUTE TO DEVELOPMENT BUT WOULD NOT PARTICIPATE FULLY IN THE SYSTEM AND PARTICULARLY NOT IN ITS POLITICAL ASPECTS. WE SHOULD REDUCE THE NUMBER OF SUBSIDIARY BODIES IN THE SYSTEM AND SHOULD COMBINE, AS OTHERS HAVE SUGGESTED, THE IA/ ECOSOC AND THE INTER- AMERICAN COUNCIL ON SCIENCE, EDUCATION AND CULTURE.
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